It is the endeavour of the Ministry to meet the target for Hindi Typewriters etc. in phases.

Training in Hindi Typing and Hindi Stenography

†4839. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typists and stenographers under his Ministry/ Department and subordinate offices who have not yet taken training in Hindi typing and Hindi stenography;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) 71 Lower Division Clerks and 43 Stenographers Grade-D working in the Ministry of Power, its Attached and Subordinate Offices have not yet taken training in Hindi Typing and Hindi Stenography, as the case may be.

(b) and (c) Due to shortage of staff and exigencies of work, it has not been possible to impart training to all the officials. Imparting training in Hindi Typing and Hindi Stenography is a continuous process and it is the endeavour of the Ministry to sponsor maximum number of officials during each session of training under the Hindi Teaching Scheme of the Department of Official Language.

Benefit of Information Technology to rural areas

†4840. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new scheme to extend the benefit of revolution in the field of Information Technology to the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the outlines of the scheme; and

(c) by when the rural areas are proposed to be benefited through its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDARLAL PATWA): (a) to (c) An ambitious programme has been drawn to establish

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.